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adj.

Having once been; former: *the whilom editor in chief*.

adv.

Archaic

At a past time; formerly.

[Middle English, at times, from Old English *hwīlum*, dative pl. of *hwīl*, time, while; see **k^weiə-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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